

# Comprehensive School Counseling



## Creekside Elementary School is Making it Happen!



**WE ARE** located in Franklin, Indiana, just south of Indianapolis. Creekside serves approximately 592 Kindergarten through fourth grade students. 44% of students qualify for free or reduced lunches.

**OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES** come from suburban neighborhoods, from mobile home parks, from apartment complexes, and from rural settings. 89% of our student population is White, 4% are Hispanic, 4% are multiracial, 1% is Asian, and 2% are Black.

**OUR TEACHERS** include 32 faculty and 28 staff members. Our faculty includes one professional school counselor for all students, kindergarten through fourth grade.

**OUR PROMISING PRACTICE** is that we have a robust, comprehensive school counseling program aligned with state and national competencies that serves all students. The mission of the school counseling program is to maximize every student's social, educational and career development potential in order to become responsible citizens and lifelong learners. We provide college and career readiness programming for all students that includes classroom guidance, field trips, special events, small group counseling and student contests. Since 2011, the number of students who can "describe what college is like," has increased by 23%, with 88% of students planning to attend college. 92% of students say they believe that people "learn all through their lives."

**OUR STEPS** Creekside's school counselor collaborated with key stakeholders to complete the Redesigning School Counseling process to ensure a data-driven school counseling program that leads to high academic achievement and positive student outcomes.

### IN OUR OWN WORDS

"If you were not at Creekside, I would not be the person I am today." -Former Creekside student

"The students at Creekside are very lucky individuals to have someone to guide and support them through many situations that arise in their lives." -parent of a fourth grade student

"Samantha has initiated several new programs to Creekside. Through these initiatives, our children are given the opportunity to participate in career readiness, positive behavior, character development, and college awareness programs, just to name a few." -first grade teacher at Creekside

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